



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Members

Mel Katz, Chair

Matthew Hervey • Susan Lew • Judy McCarty • MaryAnne Pintar • Natalie Rencher • Katie Sullivan

MINUTES

San Diego Public Library
Wednesday, May 31, 2006

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners

Present: Mel Katz, Matthew Hervey, Susan Lew, MaryAnne Pintar, Katie Sullivan

Commissioners

Absent: Judy McCarty, Natalie Rencher

Staff: Anna Tatár, Library Director; Margaret Kazmer, Deputy Director; Afshin Oskoui, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Director of Development; Dianne Parham, Senior Management Analyst

Public: Thomas Jamieson, Serra System Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Jay Hill

In the absence of Vickie Church, Jay Hill reported on the successful trainings the Friends are holding, with an upcoming one on book sales. Their current priority is advocacy for Proposition 81. Katie Sullivan attended the Essay Contest Grand Prize Ceremony and will be sharing the essays.

Mel Katz suggested putting the essays together in a book for the Mayor and Council. Katie Sullivan noted that in the past, five years of essays were placed into a book. Anna Tatár suggested that quotes from the essays be placed in the Library Newsletter. Jay Hill plans to have them read at the budget hearings next year. Jay Hill reported that the main goal of going to Sacramento was to get support for additional funding for the Public Library Fund (PLF).

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Tom Jamieson

Tom Jamieson has created a template for reporting information from Friends' treasurers for uniformity and consistency.

Serra will have a carryover of \$53,000 to reserves and fund balance, which is a result of salary savings from the vacancy of the System Coordinator. The Administrative Council received and approved the proposed FY 2007 budget's Plan of Service. Sun Coast Delivery system has asked not to renew their contract. It is being offered to a substitute carrier for three months as a test. The Advisory Board has decided to spend \$1,400 on a series of lectures for Young Adult Groups as part of the summer reading program.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Mel Katz

The City Council and the Union-Tribune endorsed Proposition 81.

Mel Katz and Katie Sullivan met with Councilmember Madaffer. Mel Katz, MaryAnne Pinter, and Katie Sullivan met with the Mayor regarding the budget and increasing the matching funds to \$1.5 million.

Mel Katz had the pleasure of meeting Vartan Gregorian at USD. Katie Sullivan suggested that he be invited to the Library's 125th anniversary celebration in 2007.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S UPDATE: Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., was absent.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Anna Tatár

The Auditor is allowing the matching fund balance to go over its allotment of \$1 million as long as there are savings in other non-personnel object accounts. Jay Hill estimates there will be an additional \$150,000 to \$200,000 in gifts by the end of the fiscal year.

MaryAnne Pinter sat on the interview panel for the Assistant Director of Development. A selection has been made. The Administrative Aide for the Development Office has been vacant since April 7.

On May 31st, the Mayor and Donna Frye will be announcing a \$500,000 endowment challenge for Serra Mesa-Kearney Mesa Branch Library at a community planning meeting. Donna Frye's office is reaching out to corporate sponsors to raise \$50,000 for Sunday hours at the new Serra Mesa-Kearney Mesa Branch.

Matthew Hervey confirmed that the Hervey Family Fund at The San Diego Foundation would be funding Sunday hours for the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library in FY 2007. San Diego Magazine named Point Loma as the best branch library.

The San Diego Library Foundation nominated Matthew Hervey as Philanthropist of the Year.

There was a tribute to the Negro Baseball Leagues at the Central Library with the San Diego Padres. Dave Winfield and two members of the League attended, and books were donated by the Padres for the Central Library.

The Mayor's Office has initiated filtered internet on all staff computers in twelve categories. Every branch and section will have at least one unfiltered terminal through Cox/Time Warner so that staff can respond to reference questions.

Mayor Sanders met with employees in May at Mission Valley Branch Library and will be meeting with other staff at the Central Library in June.

Anna Tatár has accepted an award from the Historical Preservation Board for work accomplished by library staff on a Water Department project involving 90,000 documents and photographs which were stored at the Alvarado Treatment Plant. A reception was held on May 31. The Grand Jury commended the Library's Service Level Agreement with the Water Department.

Alissa Young has donated a portion of the proceeds from her jewelry sales to Read/San Diego.

On June 5 there will be a press conference at the Polinsky Center regarding library cards for foster children. Foster children will not be charged fines or fees for overdue materials.

The Arts and Culture Commission will be selecting the artist for the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library at the end of June or July. Mel Katz agreed to sit on the selection committee. There will also be representation by the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Community.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

Afshin Oskoui, Deputy Director, Engineering & Capital Projects, provided the update on library projects:

- Demolition on the Main Library site began. Design detail plans are being finalized. The remediation contract is being advertised. It appears there may not be as much contamination on the site as was originally thought.
- Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch construction is proceeding, with the exterior work being finished. Phase II, the interactive art project is moving forward. The job center with the San Diego Workforce Partnership in the library is being worked out.
- North University Community Branch framing is up. It should be open next spring. Matthew Hervey suggested approaching the councilmember to establish an endowment for the branch.

- Logan Heights Branch received design feedback from the State Librarian and State Architect, and the site bid should go out in July.
- The Kensington community wants to expand the branch, but needs to negotiate with the Park and Recreation Department for use of the park land.
- The design elements to the Balboa Branch are completed.
- The North Park Branch site is being negotiated with the developer and redevelopment agency.
- Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch should open in the fall.

10.b Budget Update – Katie Sullivan

Anna Tatár announced that the Mayor's Proposed Budget included 11.4 positions for new facilities. The Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) recommended the addition of 1.00 Youth Services Librarian. The IBA also recognized other library needs for which there are not sufficient funds in the FY 2007 budget.

Katie Sullivan moved that the Commission send a letter to Councilmember Frye recognizing her efforts on the endowment challenge and funding Sunday hours for Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch. She further recommended a letter from the Commission to the Hervey Family Fund at The San Diego Foundation regarding the funding of Sunday hours at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch. Both motions were passed.

Katie Sullivan also suggested commending the Mayor and Council for their support of the library, but Matthew Hervey suggested waiting until after the June 7th Mayoral veto period ends.

Anna Tatár announced that the library would be undergoing a business process review (re-engineering) in August, looking at operations and areas for improvements.

10.e Legislative Update

Jay Hill reviewed the information on Legislative Day from last month's meeting.

Proposition 81 is on the June 6 ballot.

Anna Tatár said the Governor has proposed an increase of \$7 million to the PLF funding in his May revised budget which could mean approximately \$200,000 in additional funding to the San Diego Public Library. Anna Tatár has been working with Governmental Relations department on lobbying efforts, and has spoken to Christine Kehoe regarding the PLF.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.



ANNA TATÁR

Library Director

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